

Northwest mourns student's death

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Test results have confirmed the cause of a Northwest student's death on Thanksgiving Day.

Freshman pre-med student John R. Davison, 18, was infected with a strain of *Neisseria meningitidis*. While the infection is known as meningitis only if it invades the spinal cord or the brain, Davison's death was caused when the infection entered his bloodstream.

He was taken to Heartland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph Wednesday evening and died about 3 a.m. Thursday, said Jerry Wilmes, director of Health Services.

"First and foremost, we extend our condolences to the Davison family," University President Dean Hubbard said in a press release. "Our prayers and thoughts are with them. Secondly, our crisis team is working to reach those identified as close contacts and to respond to our students' concerns and questions when they return from break Sunday night."

Northwest officials convened a meeting of the school's crisis communication team early Thanksgiving morning to identify and inform people


JOHN R. DAVISON
DIED OF BACTERIAL INFECTION

who had been in close contact with Davison prior to the University's Thanksgiving break.

The Center for Disease Control defines close contact as household members and roommates and anyone directly exposed to the patient's saliva through kissing, shared drinking glasses, cigarettes, food or eating utensils and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. People who do not meet the criteria are considered to be at no increased risk over the general population.

Although many Northwest students left for the break Tuesday night, Northwest officials contacted about 20 students who might have been at risk, said Ken White, vice president for communication and marketing. All of those contacted are now taking antibiotics.

However, Wilmes said most students who had contact with Davison probably are no longer at risk of contracting the infection because the incubation period has passed. Identifying students within the first one to three days of Davison's death was the most critical point.

Symptoms of the disease include high fever, vomiting, nausea, a rash, a stiff neck, chills, muscle aches and many times lethargy and confusion.

A vaccination for the disease is available at Northwest for \$75. Although it is not required by federal or state laws, Missouri and Kansas universities recommend the vaccination to incoming freshmen.

Since the news of Davison's death, Wilmes said more than 200 people have inquired about the vaccination.

White said he has been pleased with the way students are handling it and the questions being asked. Many concerned parents have also called.

"I'm really proud of our students," White said. "They've shown compassion and little panic. They've asked questions and gone to the health center. They're not spreading rumors and handling it in an appropriate manner."

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What happened?
Northwest student John R. Davison died from a bacterial infection called *Neisseria meningitidis*.

How are students being affected?
About 20 students who might have been affected were contacted and are now taking antibiotics.

What are the symptoms?
High fever, vomiting, nausea, a rash, a stiff neck, chills, muscle aches and many times lethargy and confusion.

Friends, family remember Davison as friendly, outgoing; he was active in sports, church, scouts

By MARJIE KOSMAN
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John Davison's friends left for Thanksgiving break never dreaming they would lose him.

Davison, a freshman pre-med major, died of a bacterial infection early Thanksgiving morning.

Outgoing and friendly, he lived in St. Joseph for most of his life after being born in Kansas City and spent his years at Central High School in St. Joseph playing basketball, football, golf and wrestling. Davison also spent time in his church youth group and was active in the Boy Scouts of America.

"John wasn't shy at all," classmate Ross Crouch said. "He could talk to anyone."

Crouch and Davison met in preschool and were friends throughout high school and attended Northwest together, along with several of their friends.

Northwest student Scott Hecker also joined his high school buddies in Maryville and describes Davison as ornery, but playful.

"John always made things interesting," Hecker said. "I think he would want to be remembered as the person who could make any situation lively and fun."

Living in center Hudson, Davison was surrounded by friends, said Resident Assistant Ben Ramos.

His next door neighbor, Justin Iserman, met Davison when they moved in.

"John was just an all-around nice guy," Iserman said. "He was a good friend and always real loyal to everybody."

Services were held Nov. 24 at the Central Christian Church in St. Joseph. Kent Porterfield, vice president for student affairs, attended the funeral on behalf of the Northwest community. Memorials may be made to the Central Christian Church.

Molly's in violation of license

By TRISHA THOMPSON
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The Maryville City Council scrutinized liquor violations made by Molly's, and the bar was placed on a 60-day probation with significant violations causing a suspension for 30 days at a liquor license hearing Monday.

Prosecuting Attorney David Baird and Hugh Kranitz, attorney defending owner Dave Ackman, presented documents of evidence and witnesses to the Council.

Rick Small, Maryville Public Safety special events sergeant, was an essential part of the hearing because he was involved with arrests during the period of the violations.

Public Safety officers conduct compliance checks at local bars and businesses with random checks by officers and undercover minors who attempt to purchase alcohol.

"When we're in the establishment, a lot of time I'll talk to the owner of the establishments," Small said. "And we just kind of mingle through the crowd and we watch for people to react to our presence in being in the bars."

Six individuals were arrested at Molly's Sept. 8. One citation was given for supplying alcohol to a minor and five for minor in possession.

Compliance checks at Molly's Sept. 13 and Oct. 5 resulted in one arrest each night for minor in possession.

Kranitz said compliance checks were conducted on three other occasions and no violations were found. Bartenders at Molly's have not sold alcohol to minors.

Kranitz argued that the city's current liquor ordinance is unconstitutional.

"The city has wholly failed to show any violation of the ordinance in this case," he said. "There was a statement made earlier where Mr. Mayor indicated that the bar owner doesn't have to know about the violations. I would suggest to you that if that is the law, it is a violation of due process and a constitutional right that every citizen has to at least have some knowledge of what's going on before you can be punished for it."

All members of the Council agreed Molly's had been violating the city ordinance, but varied on their discussion of possible punishment.

"I've heard the constitutional argument that the accountability is not with you because of the issue between the individual and the minor drinking at the bar," Mayor Mike Thompson said. "However, you acknowledge that you need to be responsible for the ordinance ... I want to see some accountability."

Councilman Brad Lager said the issue of underage drinking is a joint effort between bar owners and the city.

"I want a concerted effort with the city of Maryville and I think we are going to have to work together on this process," Lager said. "I also lack on creative ways in order to be proactive on this or find alternative ways."

Lager was the lone Council member to dissent on the motion of the probationary period leading to a suspension.



Four-year-old Josie Patton (right) and Jasmie, students in Mrs. Hayes St. Gregory pre-school class, help decorate the class Christmas tree Wednesday. The school will also have a prayer service and other activities in preparation for Advent.

Residents begin quest for council

By TRISHA THOMPSON
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

The Maryville City Council announced two residents running for City Council and approved a vehicle lift replacement at its meeting Monday.

Two residents have decided to run for City Council. Ron Moss and John Jasinski have added their names to the ballot for a three-year term. Voters will get the chance to vote April 2.

A vehicle lift with the capability of lifting 18,000 pounds was approved for purchase. The new lift will replace the current one used by the city which is "rusting and breaking off in places," said Greg Decker, director of Public Works.

Carquest in Maryville entered the lowest bid of \$7,499. Decker said the bid was \$1,500 more than the city had budgeted. However, the street department has extra money in its fund from projects that were over-budgeted this year.

The Council also discussed the paving of a section of Country Club Road. The condition of the street came under scrutiny by Tom Middleswart, developer of Westridge Subdivision.

The city has reviewed the possibility of cost-sharing the project with the township. Middleswart estimates the cost to be \$25,000 and the city would pay half, not to exceed \$12,500.

"I think we should be interested in doing something like this," City Manager Matt Chesnut said.

The Council agreed the project is necessary and will continue to discuss plans as they develop.

The Council approved the addition of Veterans Day and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to its list of paid city holidays.

The Council will meet again at 7 p.m. Dec. 10 at City Hall.

Maryville law officers honored at banquet

By KARA SWINK
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Thirty-six Northwest Missouri law enforcement officers, including two Maryville Public Safety officers, were awarded plaques Tuesday at Missouri Western State College for dedication to their occupation and various acts of bravery.

The ceremony started with a tribute video made by KQTV that included images of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks during and after the Twin Towers collapsed. The video illustrated the supreme sacrifice police officers take every day to save lives.

"The events of Sept. 11 have had a big impact on the way the public perceives law enforcement and firefighters and those who protect and serve us on a daily basis," said John Bassford master of ceremonies.

Since the terrorist attacks, people have become more aware of heroes in communities, Bassford said.

"They are the ones that put their life on the line everyday and don't know what they are going to face when they get up in the morning," he said. "That is something we salute you for."

Six awards were given throughout the evening: The Certification of Commendation, Lifesaving Award, Bronze Unit Citation, Bronze Award, Silver Award and Gold Award.

Sergeant Jim Schreffler of Maryville Public Safety was awarded the Certification of Commendation, which recognizes a person who is responsible for the successful development or accomplishment of an administrative task or product. Schreffler developed an informative program on teens and music that examines the content of modern music and its lyrics.

"I was very flattered to receive my award tonight," Schreffler said. "When the chief told me about it I was pretty



Sergeant Jim Schreffler of Maryville Public Safety was awarded the Certification of Commendation Tuesday evening from John Walker, Associate Director of Law Enforcement of Missouri Western State College. Sergeant Rick Small was also honored.

Northwest Dance Company set to share its 'eMOTIONS' Friday night

By LEAH ST. CLAIR
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Northwest Dance Company members will be dancing to the theme of "eMOTIONS" at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Performing Arts Center.

The dance concert will feature eight pieces performed by about 50 Northwest students and will include a variety of music and dance, from modern to jazz to lyrical pieces.

"The concert is choreographed mostly by students, and we have new choreographers this semester, so seeing their work on stage is pretty exciting," said Haley Hoss Jameson, assistant professor of dance. "I think I look forward to it every trimester, just to see what the students come up with."

The students have been practicing their pieces two to four hours a week since September. They will spend 15 to 20 hours this week practicing during technical and dress rehearsals, preparing for Friday night.

"We have all majors, and since we don't have a dance major or minor here on campus, they do this because they love it," Hoss Jameson said.

The Northwest Dance Company has tryouts every fall and spring for students who want to join.

The students involved have different reasons for trying out for the dance company, but most of the reasons involve encouragement from friends.

"I was in jazz dance with Haley and that was the first semester that we started the dance show," said Kristina Brand, corporate wellness major. "My friend drug me to tryouts and pushed me in the door."

Meagan Snell, agriculture business major, had a similar experience.

"My friend, Elaine, and I had heard about it and we wanted to at least audition," Snell said. "I made it and I've been in it ever since."

The concert is, for some students, the only time they are able to express their dance abilities.

"The most exciting thing for me is that I've done jazz almost my entire life and out of all the concerts I get to do here, this is the first time I get to do a jazz piece," Snell said.

Brand enjoys being in the concert because she will have one more performance to compare previous performances to.

Tickets for reserved seating are \$5 and can be bought or charged to Bearcat cards at student services in the Administration Building.

Who: Northwest Dance Company
What: "eMOTIONS"
Where: Performing Arts Center
When: 7:30 p.m. Friday
Tickets: are \$5 and can be bought in the Administration Building

Dinner to celebrate Kwanzaa

By SERENA BROOKS
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The Alliance of Black Collegians will play host to its annual Kwanzaa dinner at 5 p.m. Saturday in the Wesley Student Center.

The Kwanzaa dinner, entering its second decade, educates, celebrates and informs people about Kwanzaa.

"The dinner is put on to educate the community about different cultures and Kwanzaa," ABC member Kenneth McCain said. "There is a brief interlude about Kwanzaa."

The holiday, observed Dec. 26 through Jan. 1, was created by Dr. Maulana Ron Karenga to celebrate the African-American heritage. A candle is lit on each of the seven days of Kwanzaa, while the colors of the candles symbolize the Black Liberation flag — red, green and black.

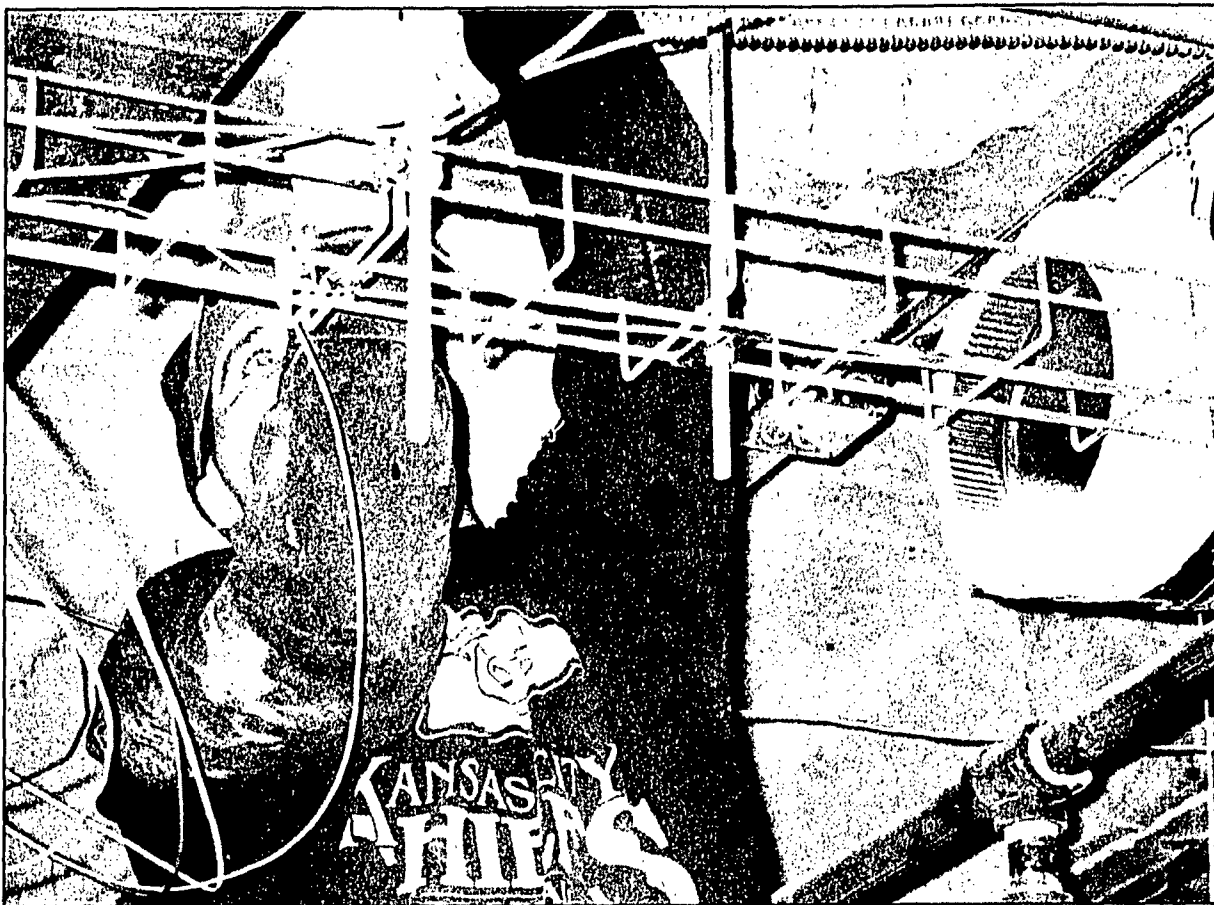
The dinner is open to the public and will consist of baked and fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, rolls, corn, green beans and mashed potatoes.

There is no charge for the event. ABC is anticipating a turnout of about 200 people, similar to previous years.

Karenga created Kwanzaa in 1966 after the Watts, Los Angeles riot of 1965. The riot began after a black man was arrested and lasted five days. It increased the amount of racial tension across the country and resulted in the deaths of many African-Americans.

Approximately 20 million people around the world celebrate the holiday which centers around pride, community, family and culture. Those who observe Kwanzaa often celebrate by dancing, singing, eating and reciting poetry or other significant stories.

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Matt Fre of AEC Constructing works hard on the second floor ceiling of the Garrett-Strong building. Construction should be finished sometime early next year since work can be done inside during the cold winter months.

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Temperatures have dropped, and students are breaking out coats and gloves to prepare for a much colder walk across campus this winter.

Also getting ready for the season is Dave Duvall, manager of campus construction, who said campus projects are right on schedule.

Construction is running according to plan on the Garrett-Strong science building, roads and parking.

The final phase of construction on Garrett-Strong is nearing completion, said Ray Courter, vice president for finance and support services.

Even with a few changes from the original plan, construction on the south wing will be finished near its December finish date. If work on

Garrett-Strong continues into January, the cold weather will not be a problem for the indoor working, Duvall said.

Construction on roads and parking lots around campus has reached the first of three completion points. All that remains for this year are finishing touches, such as correcting paint lines or redoing patches of concrete.

"There are ways to pour concrete in the winter," said Duvall, who also said there is not much work left to be done.

Road and parking lot construction will continue for two more summers.

The most nerve-racking winter construction will take place on the west grandstand of the football stadium, Duvall said.

Plans for the renovation include expanded seating capacity and

more restrooms and concessions. "We can't continue to use the facility beyond its design, which we are doing now," Duvall said.

Open bidding for the project will take place Dec. 6. Once a contractor has been selected and approved by the Board of Regents, construction could begin as early as January.

Stadium renovations must be complete for next year's football season, which leaves only a few months for work to take place.

Duvall said although the winter weather could make work more difficult, he is confident the deadline will be met.

"We'll have to adapt as the project rolls out," Duvall said. "We should be just fine."

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Volunteer back from New York

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Arriving in Maryville after spending four weeks in New York as a Red Cross volunteer, a Northwest custodian's work resumes, but her willingness to help continues.

Cheryl From, who works at the Performing Arts Center, flew to New York Oct. 25 to work at a feeding kitchen near a landfill in Staten Island. She was scheduled to return after three weeks. However, the number of volunteers became scarce and From's supervisor asked if anyone would be willing to stay until after Thanksgiving.

Trusting she would be able to see her family when she returned to Maryville, From decided to stay another week.

"I felt like it was an opportunity of a lifetime and what better way to be thankful and help than to do this," From said.

Nancy Lee, branch manager of the Midland Empire of Red Cross, was excited about From's decision.

"It's always harder to get people to leave home or be away from home during the holidays," Lee said. "It's easier to get people to stay longer who are already there volunteering, and that's what Cheryl did. I was excited she was enjoying herself enough that she wanted to stay longer."

From worked from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m., helping serve about 1,000 volunteers consisting of FBI agents, other government agencies, sanitation workers and members of the New York Police Department.

From enjoyed working with the other volunteers and was impressed with the friendly atmosphere despite the effects of the tragedy.

"It's part of their healing process to be around people who want to help," From said.

Karla Long, emergency services director for the Midland Empire Chapter of Red Cross, said From showed spirit by staying throughout the holiday.

"The need for help doesn't stop because it's a Sunday or because of Thanksgiving, and Cheryl recognized that need," Long said. "Mentally, it was a very hard job. Salvage is taken to the landfill and then it's sorted. They're finding remains. It's not a glamorous place to be."

From agreed. She said the hardest part of the job was seeing all the

labor that had to

be done. About 600 million tons of debris from the Trade Centers had to be sifted, investigated and processed. It was a crime scene, From said.

Sometimes bodies were found,

and one day the billboards from a husband and wife were uncovered.

"I didn't want to look at some things they had laying out," From said. "It's bad enough seeing what you did see, and it felt disrespectful to be seeing it."

Although From worked hard and slept little, she was allowed free time to tour the city. But what impacted her most was being able to help people in need and to offer her services.

From's time in New York has come to an end, and she has returned to her family, job and normal routine, but in her heart, she wants to go back and is tentatively making plans to return to the city that is so often in her thoughts.

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"Celticfusion" to replace canceled Encore show

Despite the cancellation of the scheduled Encore performance "One World," Northwest will provide a high-energy music and dance show for ticket holders to enjoy.

"One World" was scheduled to show Jan. 14 but the Spirit of the Dance performers canceled its entire American tour.

Instead "Celticfusion" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. March 14 in the Performing Arts Center.

Spirit of the Dance tickets will be honored at "Celticfusion" or refunds will be given at the Student Services Center in the Administration Building.

Tickets for "Celticfusion" can

also be purchased there for \$18, \$16 or \$14.

Missourian Online wins Pacemaker Finalist Award

Competing against 26 colleges and universities across the nation applying for the honor, The Northwest Missourian Online won the Online Pacemaker Finalist Award.

Ranked in the top 2 percent of online newspapers in the country, the Web site is fully produced and maintained by a staff of around seven students.

The site was chosen for the award because of its excellence in design, ease of navigation, writing and editing, graphics and interactivity.

To reach the site, which was launched last trimester, can be accessed by going to www.missourianonline.com.

Orientation scheduled for new spring students

The New Student Pre-registration and Orientation will take place Thursday and Friday in the Student Union ballroom.

The two-hour orientation which is designed to benefit spring 2002 freshman, transfer and returning students will inform them about Northwest and the resources available.

They will also receive the opportunity to meet with the registrar's office to get an understanding of their degree audit and learn about their financial aid packet. Students will also receive a campus tour.

After pre-registration and orientation, students will meet with their appointed advisers to register for spring classes through Webstar. The spring freshmen will also have a freshman seminar class.

Seminar to inform about abuse, neglect

By SCOTT PHILLIPS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Last year 47 abuse and neglect victims were confirmed each day, a fact that has Northwest playing host to a seminar Thursday and Friday at the Student Union.

The seminar is the result of an overflow from a state grant to the non-profit organization Prevent Child Abuse Missouri.

Prevent Child Abuse Missouri has been part of a nationwide program fighting for children's lives since 1987.

Locally, the event is co-sponsored by the Sociology/Psychology Society and Psi Chi of Northwest.

Carla Edwards, Sociology/Psychology Society sponsor, said the seminar will benefit those who attend.

"It will provide training instruction and design more prudent and

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DOUG DUNHAM
SEMINAR SPEAKER

critical information to service professionals in order to enhance development of personal skills," Edwards said.

To help mold those skills, speakers from various areas of psychology and sociology will be present to inform those students, professionals and interested parties attending.

Dan Crow, executive director of

Lighthouse of Kansas City will speak on anger management and Al Sarno, licensed practical counselor, will speak about interacting with children who have been abused.

Doug Dunham, assistant professor of psychology, will be speaking on the effect of child abuse on the biology and neuropsychology of a child and how it effects the child's response system.

Dunham said it is important to understand the biology of the child, when treating abuse.

"If we don't treat biology stress responses, we can't effectively treat the child," Dunham said.

The free seminars are open to the public and will run from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. in Dining Room 2 at the Student Union.

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Jeremy Purdy, a hunter from Bedford, Iowa, looks at the hunting equipment at Walmart. Deer hunters are allowed to bow hunt until Jan. 15.

Hunting season opens, accidents increase

By ABBY SIMONS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

As fall changes to winter, Missouri residents may notice an influx of orange vests and camouflage throughout the state, signifying the opening of hunting season.

With hunting, however, comes the ever-present issue of safety.

According to the Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri saw a record deer harvest during the 11-day November season. This is because of warm weather as well as high deer populations. The Northwest region of Missouri harvested 30,249 deer.

Six hunting accidents have been reported, two of them fatal. The Missouri Department of Conservation received reports during the final weekend of gun season that 45-year-old Charles Flaughner of Tusculumbia died when he fell and his rifle discharged, shooting him in the chest. Fifteen-year-old Chad Schetzler was killed when his .30-30 rifle discharged, shooting him in the chest.

Missouri Protection Programs Supervisor Bob Staton said accidents can be prevented.

"You've got to think ahead," Staton said. "The safest practice is

to unload a firearm while transporting it. When you are moving with a loaded firearm, you've got to anticipate the actions you'll take if you fall or drop the gun. If you keep your muzzle pointed in a safe direction and the gun fires accidentally, you won't harm anyone."

Missouri's four nonfatal hunting accidents involved a hunter shooting himself in the foot, a shooter mistaking another hunter for game, and two stray shots from hunters who failed to assure they had a safe backstop.

Ed Higdon, Director of Conservation for Nodaway County, agrees the key to hunting safety is education and using common sense.

"The most important information in dealing with firearm safety is common sense," Higdon said. "Most hunters in this area do use it, and we deal with more reminder situations than with new information. It's all things that experienced hunters know, we just refresh them from time to time, such as telling them to be careful when holding their firearms, and instances such as that."

In the past 20 years, less than five hunting accidents have been reported in Nodaway County.

Dealer buys franchise rights

By LAURA PEARL
CHIEF REPORTER

Two local dealership owners gathered Nov. 20 to announce the sale of Bagby Motors' Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep franchise rights.

Jim Bagby, co-owner of Bagby Motors, sold franchise rights to Mark Gregg, owner of Northwest Ford, Lincoln and Mercury.

After Bagby announced he was ready for a change and sold his General Motors franchise, Gregg took interest in purchasing the remaining Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep franchises.

"This looked like at least as good of an opportunity as the Ford franchise had been at the time I bought it, because of the number of Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep vehicles you see around Maryville alone," Gregg said. "With the volume that the store was doing before I bought it, it was evident to me that there needed to be some kind of a change. It wasn't meeting its potential."

The downtown dealership, located at 114 W. Fourth, is now Northwest Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep. The business will keep operating from this location during the next several months, Gregg said.

Changes to both the building interior and vehicle inventory are in the works, however.

"We really want to make the interior more customer-friendly," Gregg said. "We want it to be easier for customers to service their cars."

Improvements will also include the addition of a customer lounge, equipped with cable television, sofas and soda machines.

Construction to the interior will begin Dec. 17 and the interior changes will be finished by the first of the year, Gregg said.

Three new full-time certified technicians will begin working at the dealership Monday. The technicians will provide improved service to customers, Gregg said.

"Many of the technicians we're going to have here will be people our customers have used in the past," Gregg said. "They have really good reputations for making sure that a problem is diagnosed correctly and fixed properly on the first visit," Gregg said.

Within the next two weeks, the Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep dealership will begin increasing its car inventory as well.

The dealership has space for 77 cars, including customer parking,

in its current lots. The business rented property with room to display an additional 25 cars, Gregg said.

Eventually, the dealership will move to an expanded, updated facility that will better serve the business and the individual Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep franchises.

The business has an agreement with Chrysler requiring it to move from the downtown location within the next 18 months, Gregg said.

Manufacturers look at a dealership's facility and location to determine if the dealership is operating under ideal conditions. The Bagby Motors facility and location did not meet manufacturers' standards, Gregg said.

The dealership will most likely move to a Business Highway 71 location, but Gregg said plans for a move are sketchy at this point.

"Nothing is really set in concrete," Gregg said. "There's still a lot of planning to be done."

The dealership's first goal is to get the Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep business in the Maryville and Nodaway County areas alone.

"We want to focus on taking care of our local people," Gregg said.

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Local dealers offer special financing, rates

By CLARK GRELL
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Most people would love to drive a new 2002 vehicle, but many people are afraid to buy a car because of high interest rates and large monthly payments.

Many local vehicle dealerships are offering 0-percent financing on several of their vehicles.

The economy is falling and car companies such as Ford Motors and General Motors think the only way to help the economy is to offer 0-percent financing on their vehicles.

Many local car lots are seeing an increase in sales as a result of the savings.

Northwest Ford has sold more cars and trucks in October and November than during any other two-month period, said Mary Foster, Northwest Ford finance manager.

Northwest Ford has 0-percent financing on all 2002 vehicles. Ford

Motor Company set the deadline for the new vehicles for Jan. 12.

The savings should not be passed up by those looking for a new vehicle, Foster said.

"It is a great deal for anybody looking at any of the new cars," she said. "The customer certainly saves a lot."

For instance, a person looking at a 2002 Ford vehicle priced at \$20,000 will pay \$557.19 a month for 36 months compared to an older vehicle priced at \$20,000 which would have monthly payments of \$640.21. It is a \$3,000 savings.

Boyles Motors, a General Motors lot, has also taken advantage of sales with 0-percent financing. All cars, except for Corvettes and Cadillacs qualify for 0-percent financing.

"It is a good deal for the customer," owner David Boyles said. "We have sold a lot more stuff this year because of it."

Boyles said his lot was almost

empty at the end of October because of the financing percentages.

General Motors extended its deadline for 0-percent financing from Oct. 31 to Jan. 2. The reason for the extension was the increased sales at General Motors, said Boyles. There is a possibility of the deadline being extended again, Boyles said.

Bagby Motors, Inc. has 0-percent financing on many vehicles including 2002 Dodge Rams and 2002 Ford Intrepids.

"This is helping generate traffic in the car business," said Jerry Dew, sales consultant at Bagby.

One of the main reasons Ford and General Motors have put 0-percent financing on vehicles is to generate sales and competition, Dew said.

Although many businesses have the 0-percent financing deals for customers to look at, other local businesses do not.

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Hospital to raise funds through annual bazaar

The Craft Committee of the St. Francis Hospital Auxiliary will have homemade crafts and baked treats at its annual bazaar and bake sale Thursday and Friday.

The craft committee has labored all year preparing for the event.

"All the money we make has to be put back into the hospital," said Carol Jean Osborn, president of the Auxiliary Board.

The bazaar's proceeds will be put toward hospital equipment. The board most recently purchased a medical surgery monitor, an ambulatory monitor and an R/T monitor.

Each hospital department sends a list of wanted items to the board and members vote to determine what will be purchased.

Last year the committee raised approximately \$3,300 and hopes to exceed that amount this year.

"It's kind of our goal to keep getting bigger and bigger, but it's getting harder and harder," said Jane Schieber, coordinator of the event.

The bazaar will feature Christmas decorations and baked goods and takes place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the hospital lobby. Cash or checks will be accepted for payment.



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OUR VIEW

Acting with care

Crisis team reacts quickly to alert Northwest students of precautions during holiday break

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It's often emphasized during campus tours and quoted throughout the pamphlets and brochures handed out to prospective students, but over the Thanksgiving break some truth was given to the statement that the Northwest faculty and administration cares about its students.

When freshman pre-med student John Davison died of a bacterial infection early Thanksgiving Day, University officials put their Thanksgiving dinners on hold to make the Northwest family aware and take precautions.

After Campus Safety learned about Davison's death, Student Affairs was alerted, and members of the University's crisis management team convened by 9 a.m.

The team quickly gathered a list of people who might have been associated with Davison and tried any means of contacting them — even if it meant calling a grandparent's home. In all, the team talked to 20 people who had contact with Davison, and all of them began taking antibiotics.

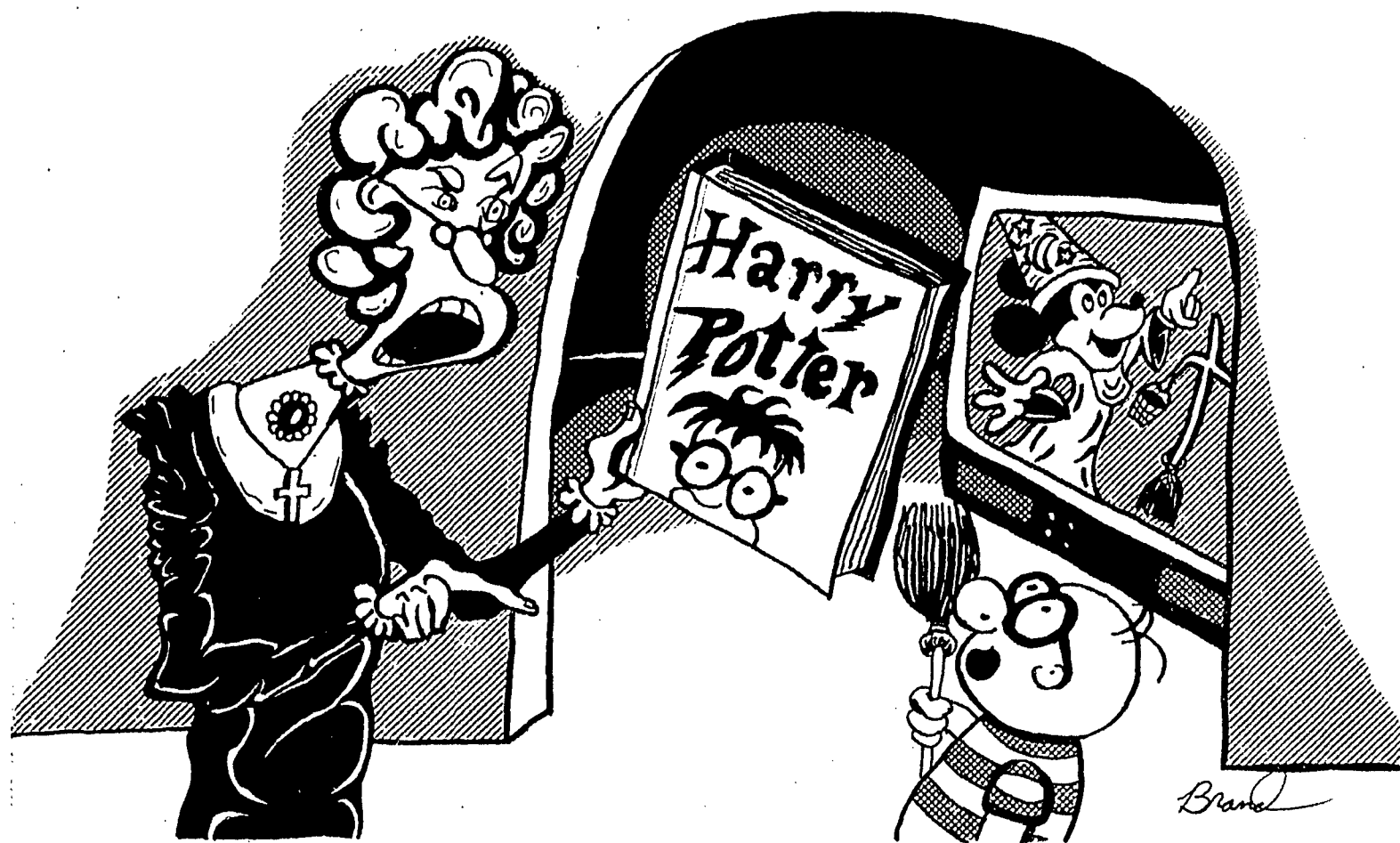
And it wasn't over Thursday. Members of the team spent the rest of the weekend taking phone calls from parents, students, Maryville residents and members of the media. Many of them fielded questions at their homes in between trips to check voice mail messages at their campus offices.

By Saturday, an e-mail had been written that would later be sent out to all students to make them aware of the events, and an information sheet with frequently asked questions about bacterial infections was distributed throughout the residential halls.

The team convened again at 11 a.m. Sunday morning to meet with Residential Life staff, and Jerry Wilmes, director of health, walked through the residence halls as students were arriving back on campus Sunday afternoon to field any questions they had.

As classes continued this week and students begin cramming for finals, Northwest officials have patiently answered our questions and provided any assistance they could.

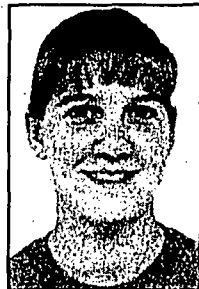
With more than 6,000 students spread throughout the Midwest for a Thanksgiving holiday with families and friends, Northwest officials reacted quickly to make sure our own Northwest family was calmly made aware of a situation that was not only saddening but threatening. And they proved Northwest really does care.



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MY VIEW

Meteor shower time for reflection



NAOMEY WILFORD
COPY EDITOR

A couple of weeks ago Dad knocked on my door at 4:45 a.m., and I was tired. But I was also excited to be awake for this special event. It was the morning of the annual Leonid meteor shower, but the energy I felt almost reminded me of Christmas morning. I'd never seen anything like what the meteorologists predicted for that morning — a meteor storm with 70 shooting stars per minute.

Dad and I went outdoors, I put my glasses on to get a clear view of the sky, and, wow ... I felt like I could make as many wishes as I wanted. The bursting, streaming lights I saw seemed endless, crossing over each other, leaving fluorescent trails behind them. It was so unbelievably perfect.

The sky above our old country farmhouse didn't have a cloud in it, and my

dad was hilarious. The two of us were so excited the cold night air hardly bothered us. And our necks started to hurt after only a few minutes of straining to look upward. But Dad was the best.

"Look at that one!" and "Did you see that one over there?" "There's one over there, over there. Well, looky there," he kept saying. At first, he was counting the shooting stars. But a short time later, he gave up those efforts and just enjoyed the starlit sky bursting with fireworks of meteors. There were so many lights flashing around up there that Dad and I stood amazed. And we were only watching one tiny section of that enormous starlit sky.

It was the best storm I've ever witnessed, and this one didn't get me soaking wet. As the storm began to calm and

we noticed fewer light streams, I began to think about how small I was. In this enormous universe that I can't even comprehend the depths of, I was watching a tiny part of the action God had going on up there. This was part of his plan, a nanosecond of what I also can't comprehend — eternity.

The fact that scientists and meteorologists had actually been predicting this just blew my mind. And according to the Astronomy Society of the Pacific, the odds of me catching another storm like this are pretty slim. Astronomers said the best time for meteor storms comes about every 33 years.

I guess I'll try to watch the next big meteor storm with my own children ... when I'm about 54 years old.

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NATIONAL VIEW

Cloning

The cloning of a human embryo sparks controversy, debate that has been overshadowed by recent events

STAFF EDITORIAL
THE DAILY FREE PRESS (BOSTON U.)

(U-WIRE) - With the nation's attention focused on the War on Terrorism, a biotechnology corporation did something that months ago would have been Page 1 news for weeks, but managed to mainly go overlooked until they did the impossible: They cloned a human embryo.

This weekend, Advanced Cell Technology Inc. sneaked up on United States legislators who were otherwise occupied.

And now, with their cloning technology, scientists hope to create experimental treatments for diseases like Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and juvenile diabetes — all worthy causes.

This type of research must not be confused with stem cell research — this type of research involves cloning a potential human for the sake of destroying it. It has yet to be legislated whether or the outcome of lives saved with the research is greater than the life of the embryo. The War on Terrorism is engrossing the nation and the stem cell research debate is on the back burner; but legislators cannot ignore the pressing question — should cloning be federally regulated?

The U.S. House of Representatives previously supported a ban on these types of cloning experiments and President George W. Bush seconded it — yet, it remains to be passed.

Perhaps, at a time when senators are rushing anti-terrorism bills through Congress, they should process this bill just as swiftly.

Scientists have already cloned animals and this weekend, they proved they have the technology to clone human beings, and it's time the government had the foresight to pass meaningful bills regulating the inevitable.

These scientists claim their embryo reproduction is reserved for research, however, technology has enabled them to play God, and it is only on good faith that we can trust they won't abuse this science. Without laws, we are handing them not only the right to mandate what constitutes a human life, but also the ability to wield the power to bend the laws of nature with the wave of a test tube.

Lawmakers and legislators have every right to be alarmed. Technology is moving at a rapid pace — too fast for the government to keep up with. And the public's attention has been diverted across the ocean. They must act quickly to investigate cloning research and take the necessary steps to ensure that the forces of nature do not end up in the hands of a few scientists.

Science need not be stifled — but, with an issue that questions both the origin of life and the natural order of the world — scientists need to proceed with caution and face as much federal red tape necessary to prevent injustices against humanity.

YOUR VIEW

What are you thankful for this holiday season?



"I am thankful for my family and friends' health as well as my own; and togetherness during the holidays."

Cassia Alberti
Elementary education major



"I am thankful for food."

Drew Lock
Animal science major



"I am thankful for my friends and family showing support and encouragement during trying times."

Melissa Lance
Undecided major



"I am thankful for my health."

Rory Jones
Finance major



"I am thankful for my health and the well-being of my family and friends."

Samantha Butler
Family and consumer sciences major

CORRECTIONS

- Due to errors with *The Missourian's* printer, the following errors occurred in the Nov. 15 issue.
- The photo for "Highway bridge work to be finished in spring" was taken by Matthew Powell.
- The photo for "Local ice cream parlor, car wash being constructed" was taken by Josh Trolinger.
- "American students in Australia deal with tragedy from afar" was cut short. The entire story can be viewed at www.missourianonline.com.
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY

■ **GED**, 7:50 a.m., Wells Hall 120
 ■ **New Student Orientation and Preregistration** for spring 2002
 ■ **St. Francis Hospital Bazaar and Bake Sale**, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., hospital lobby
 ■ **MOMFIT**, 6:30 p.m., First Christian Church
 ■ **Parkinson's Support Group**, 6:30 p.m., First Christian Church

MONDAY

■ **IM three-on-three basketball begins**
 ■ **AA Meeting**, 6 p.m., United Methodist Church
 ■ **Atchison County 4-H Leader's Training**, 7 p.m., Extension Center, Rock Port

FRIDAY

■ **New Student Orientation and Preregistration** for spring 2002
 ■ **Dance Concert**, 7:30 p.m., The Performing Arts Center
 ■ **St. Francis Hospital Bazaar and Bake Sale**, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., hospital lobby
 ■ **Cub Scouts Chili Supper**, 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m., United Methodist Church

TUESDAY

■ **Christmas Brunch**, 11:30 a.m., United Methodist Church
 ■ **Cancer Support Group Meeting**, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Northwest Technical School

SATURDAY

■ **Independence Day** (Portugal)
 ■ **C-Base Test**, 8 a.m., Colder Hall third floor
 ■ **Martha Washington 4-H Club "Make & Take" Christmas Craft Fair**, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., Nodaway County Community Building

WEDNESDAY

■ **Faculty Senate Meeting**, 3:15 p.m., Administration Building 253
 ■ **First Session of NxtLevel "Tilling the Soil of Opportunity"**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., McKemy Center
 ■ **Spelling Bee**, 3:20 p.m., Middle School
 ■ **"Christmas Around the World,"** 5 p.m., United Methodist Church
 ■ **Lights of Care**, 8 p.m., Wesley Center

SUNDAY

■ **First Day of Advent**
 ■ **Wind Symphony and Jazz Concert**, 3 p.m., The Performing Arts Center
 ■ **Choir Directors Meeting**, 2 p.m., United Methodist Church
 ■ **Girl Scouts Meeting**, 2 p.m., United Methodist Church

■ **Constitution Day** (Spain)
 ■ **Madrigal Feast**, 6:30 p.m., Student Union Ballroom

Playing games



PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
 Senior Andy Hendrix (right) plays the board game Sorry with residents of Bristol Manor Tuesday morning as part of her service project which consists of 15 hours for her Senior Seminar class in the communications department.

PUBLIC SAFETY

check had been lost or stolen from the 200 block of North Buchanan.

Nov. 18

■ Officers received a report of a loud party in the 400 block of South Main. Upon arrival, Jared R. Weber, 20, Maryville, and Stephanie S. Doolittle, 18, Maryville, were issued summonses for minor in possession.

■ An officer received a report from a male individual that a male individual broke the driver's side window of his car.

■ An officer served a Gasconade County warrant on Crystal L. Koelling, 22, Maryville, for a seat belt violation. She was issued a summons and released after posting bond.

Nov. 19

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that her wallet had been lost or stolen.

■ Officers received a report of a male individual damaging property in the 300 block of East Summit Drive. A male individual was transported to Nodaway County Jail where he was held on a 20-hour hold.

■ An officer received a report from a business in the 2500 block of South Main that a male individual was attempting to undress in the store.

■ Melinda A. Fulton, 45, Maryville, was southbound on South Munn. Joseph M. Wilmes, 18, Maryville, was in a private drive attempting to turn south. Wilmes struck Fulton. Wilmes was issued a summons for careless and imprudent driving.

Nov. 20

■ An officer served a Maryville municipal warrant on Gasim M. Ibrahim Khan, 22, Maryville, for failure to appear. He was issued a summons for failure to appear and released after posting bond.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that a truck was driving through her yard in the 500 block of Merrill Avenue. The truck was gone upon arrival.

■ While on patrol, an officer observed a vehicle at Third and Market streets excessively accelerate. The vehicle was stopped in the 300 block of North Market. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Garold L. Brown Jr., 32, Maryville. While speaking with him an odor of in-

toxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for DWI after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for excessive acceleration.

■ Keri A. Schweigel, 20, Maryville, was stopped at the stop sign at West Third and North Dunn streets. Joshua D. Sierks, 21, Maryville, was southbound in the 300 block of North Dunn. Schweigel entered the intersection and struck Sierks on the right side. Schweigel was issued a citation for failure to yield from a stop sign.

■ Ruth A. Collins, 68, Maryville and Sarah M. Tharp, 20, Maryville, were southbound on South Main. Collins struck Tharp.

■ An officer served a Maryville municipal warrant on Jeffrey S. Meyer, 19, Maryville, for failure to appear. He was issued a summons for failure to appear and released after posting bond.

■ Lance A. Means, 32, Creston, Iowa, was stopped at the spotlight on Highway 71 and Highway 136, facing northbound. Katherine R. Melles, 36, Smithville, was northbound behind Means. Melles struck Means. A passenger from Melles' vehicle was transported to St. Francis Hospital by Nodaway County ambulance.

■ Nicholas R. Shannon, 17, Maryville, was stopped in traffic on Highway 136, making a left turn. Gary D. Hart, 33, Sheridan, was traveling east on Highway 136. Hart struck Shannon.

Nov. 21

■ Officers received a report of an intoxicated driver entering Maryville on Highway 136. The vehicle was stopped in the 1700 block of East First. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Aaronette E. Noble, 34, Florissant. While speaking with her an odor of intoxicants was detected. She was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which she could not successfully complete. She was arrested for DWI after her blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. She was also issued a summons for open container in a vehicle.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville business in the 200 block of West Fifth that a male individual was attempting to purchase

alcohol. The case is still under investigation.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that someone had entered her apartment in the 500 block of East Third, taking a VCR and clothing.

■ An officer served a Maryville municipal warrant and a Salem County warrant on Christopher S. Banks, 25, Maryville, for failure to appear and passing bad checks. He was issued two summonses for failure to appear and wanted on warrant. He was transported to Nodaway County Jail in lieu of bond.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that someone had taken miscellaneous coins from his vehicle while it was parked in the 500 block of South Main.

■ Gregory D. Grattbill, 22, Maryville, was stopped at the stop sign at West Lincoln and Main. Jacob P. Kendrick, 22, Maryville, was traveling behind Grattbill. Kendrick struck Grattbill.

Nov. 23

■ An officer responded to a medical emergency in the 300 block of North Market. Upon arrival, Jose R. Pagan, 30, Niles, Mich., was issued summonses for disorderly conduct and profanity in public.

■ An officer received a report from a business in the 1200 block of South Main that an individual had passed a forged check.

■ Sheila Bottiger, 59, Ravenwood, was parked in a private parking lot in the 1600 block of South Main. Harry L. Justus, 64, Maitland, was parked behind Bottiger. When Justus was leaving he struck Bottiger and then left the scene. Justus was issued a citation for leaving the scene of an accident.

■ Marvin L. Weiderholt, 46, Maryville, was traveling east on Business 71 Highway. Kenneth R. Hurkman, 36, St. Joseph, was traveling north on Highway 71. Weiderholt struck Hurkman. Weiderholt was issued a summons for failure to stop for a stop sign.

Nov. 24

■ Coby L. Langford, 22, Maryville, was stopped in traffic in the 300 block of North Market. Erick O. Ojwang, 24, Maryville, was backing from a parking space. Ojwang struck Langford. Ojwang was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Nov. 8

■ Rick D. Schluter, 32, Maryville, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for motion to revoke probation and passing bad checks.

Nov. 10

■ Todd J. McClain, 28, Hopkins, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for driving while his license was revoked.

■ A Maryville individual reported property damage to a mailbox.

Nov. 12

■ A Ravenwood individual reported a theft from his vehicle while parked at Pumpkin Center.

Nov. 13

■ A Hopkins individual reported property damage at his residence.

Nov. 14

■ A Hopkins individual reported property damage to her mailbox.

Nov. 15

■ A Maryville individual reported a theft from his vehicle.

■ Jeffery S. Claphan, 20, Great Bend, Kan., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for passing bad checks.

Nov. 18

■ Jamie R. Trimble, 17, Albany, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. She was released after being held in mandatory detox.

Nov. 19

■ Theodore R. Barrett, 25, Creston, Iowa, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for probation violation and forgery.

■ A Barnard individual reported a theft from his residence.

BIRTHS

Matthew David Belanger

Joseph and Kendra Belanger, Burlington Junction, are the parents of Matthew David, born Nov. 16 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce, and joins one brother, Sean Moon.

His grandparents are Kenneth and Lauretta Moon, Cripple Creek, Colo., and Joseph Belanger, Maryville. His great-grandparents are George and Lucile Graham, Toledo, Ohio; Dorothy Mick, Hopkins; and Ida Belanger, Halfmoon, N.Y.

DEATHS

Marilyn Healy

Marilyn Healy, 63, Maryville, died Nov. 17 at Nodaway Nursing Home in Maryville.

She was born Oct. 22, 1938, to Russell and Verda Miller in Lake City, Iowa.

She is survived by two sons, David Healy and Dean Guymon; three grandchildren, her parents, Russell and Verda Miller; two sisters, Janita Lum and Eileen Miller.

Services were Nov. 25 at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at Lake City Cemetery in Lake City, Iowa.

Edward Christian Walk

Edward Christian Walk, 95, Maryville, died Nov. 18 at Raymore Health Care in Raymore.

He was born Jan. 13, 1906, to Andrew and Mary Walk in Kelly, Kan.

He is survived by two daughters, Clarita Walk and Margaret Untiedt; one sister, Marie Protzman; five grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services were Nov. 21 at St. Gregory Catholic Church in Maryville. Burial was at St. Mary's Cemetery in Maryville.

Ethel May Foley

Ethel May Foley, 92, Maryville, died Nov. 19 at her home in Maryville.

She was born May 22, 1909, to Daniel and Stella Fry in Ellsinore.

She is survived by two daughters, Naomi Mullock and Ruth Eckstein; 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services were Nov. 21 at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at English Grove Cemetery in Fairfax.

John Mark Farnan

John Mark Farnan, 87, Burlington Junction, died Nov. 20 at his home in Burlington Junction.

He was born Sept. 5, 1914, to Walter and Mary Farnan in Guilford.

He is survived by his wife, Kahryn; one daughter, Mary Teuscher; three sons, Martin, John, and Michael; two brothers, Fred and Joe; one sister, Inez Russel; three grandchildren, and one step-granddaughter, Megan Brownfield.

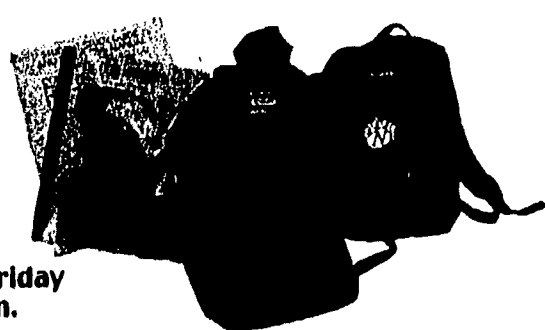
Services were Nov. 23 at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at Barnard Cemetery in Barnard.

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Harry Potter bewitches Maryville

Movie brings crowd to theater

By ABBY SIMONS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

On the evening of Nov. 16, Muggles all over Maryville abandoned their games of Quidditch and cast their Hogwarts homework aside to fly their broomsticks to the Hangar for the premiere of the much anticipated "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone".

The film, which is based on the first in a series of popular children's novels by author J.K. Rowling, stars Daniel Radcliffe as Harry Potter, a boy who, after living with his abusive aunt and uncle for 11 years, learns he is the orphaned son of two powerful wizards.

Upon learning this, Harry realizes he possesses wizardry powers of his own and is sent off to Hogwarts, an English boarding school for young wizards. From there, Harry and his new friends Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint) and Hermione Granger (Emma Watson) encounter magical adventures.

The original novels, which have been critically acclaimed for their appeal to readers of all ages, as well as for being responsible for the increase of young readers, have also left children in anticipation to see the film, including those waiting in line to catch its sold-out premiere at The Hangar. In its first weekend at the Hangar, the movie brought in an estimated crowd of 1,800. As of Monday, an estimated 3,400 people have seen the movie at The Hangar. Maryville fifth-grader Derek Ringgold was among those waiting in line.

"I've read three of the four Harry Potter books, and I loved him," Ringgold said. "He's just really cool."

Maryville eighth-grader Tristan Wood and ninth-grader Galen

Gibson-Cornell were also in line to catch their hero on the big screen.

"I've read the first Harry Potter book, and when I found out that there were more, I just kept on reading," Wood said. "I've been excited to see the movie ever since the previews started so that I can compare it to the book."

Gibson-Cornell felt the same way.

"The books are really interesting and fun to read. The movie will probably be as good," he said.

The two-and-a-half hour film, directed by Chris Columbus, included mind-blowing special effects, as well as humor, great costumes and a lot of imagination.

According to critics and moviegoers alike, the film also stayed very true to the book, pleasing many of its viewers, including Bedford sixth-grader Nick Pitman.

"It was awesome!" Pitman raved. "The best part was when Harry puts his hands out and just totally destroys this bad guy. It really was a good movie because it was funny, scary, freaky, and just cool."

Rachel Lewis, a second-grader from Craig who showed up to the film sporting a Hogwarts T-shirt, felt differently.

"My teacher read us the books, and I thought they were better than the movie," Lewis said.

Although the books and film alike have been critically acclaimed, both have also been under fire by Christian organizations as well as some parents who claim the film promotes witchcraft and black magic, as well as encouraging children to deny Christian beliefs. However, area parents who took their children to see the film only said good things about it.

"It was excellent," one father said, "I brought my kids to see it, but I enjoyed the movie myself as well."

"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" is to be followed up by the next film based on the book series, "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets." The film stars Radcliffe, Grint, and Watson, as well as Kenneth Branagh. "Chamber of Secrets" is to be released in 2002, much to the anticipation of young wizards everywhere who find their bespectacled hero to be "just really cool."



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YOUR VIEW

What did you think of the film "Harry Potter?"



"I enjoyed it! It's a movie for the whole family."

Chris Little
Vocal Music Education



"Harry Potter the movie was a fairly accurate representation of the book, that is, the parts it covered."

Doug Wingate
Academy Student



"It was really long and confusing. Plus, Harry's glasses were not as thick as the ones on the book."

Meggie McConnell
Agriculture



"It was an interesting move. The special effects were phenomenal!"

Kelly Swope
Elementary Education



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Many Maryville residents and others from the surrounding area flocked to The Hangar during the opening weekend of "Harry Potter." An estimated 1,800 people saw the movie the first weekend it opened at the theater.

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Northwest men's basketball

Cagers off to fast start again

By BILL KNUST
SPORTS EDITOR

Off to a 4-0 start, the No. 24-ranked Northwest men's basketball team heads to Oregon this weekend for a matchup against Seattle University and Western Oregon University.

The 'Cats defeated Western Oregon in the Ryland Milner Tournament, Nov. 16, 70-55 and have yet to face Seattle. The 'Cats boarded a bus early Wednesday morning for the trek to Oregon.

Despite the long ride head coach Steve Tappmeyer does not expect any lag when the 'Cats take the court Friday night.

"We try to prepare for that," Tappmeyer said. "We have times where we will practice and not get out until seven o'clock at night and the next morning we turn around and go at six o'clock. We try to create a mentality where you are not going to make any excuses about being tired."

"Most of the time when that happens, it is because you are allowing yourself to be fatigued rather than having to be that way. We are cutting back a little bit in practice time, but probably our biggest concern is trav-

eling into a different time zone and getting adjusted to that."

The 'Cats will play again this weekend without junior Archie Jeter. He suffered a broken bone in his foot two weeks ago and is out indefinitely. Tappmeyer said the team is leaving its options open when it comes to Jeter's return.

"The best route to go right now is to not even look at the redshirt," Tappmeyer said. "If he's a little slow coming off of it that will always be an option. He has been a guy who has always been a quick healer. A guy who can get back out there."

Northwest picked up two wins over Thanksgiving break in Huron, S.D. They defeated Wisconsin-Stout Saturday, 85-48 and Huron University Sunday night, 81-66.

Against Huron, the 'Cats came out sluggish and trailed 13-10 early, but Tappmeyer said the team will learn from it.

"Early they got us down and really made it a tough basketball game," Tappmeyer said. "I think it's one of those things we learned a lesson from and one of our goals now is to not let anyone come out and match our intensity."



PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Junior Joel Yeldell lays the ball up against Lincoln University during the Ryland Milner Classic. The Bearcats have jumped out with a 4-0 record and will face off against Western Oregon University in the Western Oregon Classic Friday night.

Maryville boys' basketball

'Hounds win 64-46

By MATT KENNEDY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Among the doubts caused by returning one starter, the Maryville boys' basketball team proved its ability Tuesday with a 64-46 win over the Mount Ayr Raiders.

The next challenge for the young 'Hounds team comes Friday against long-time conference rival, the Savannah Savages.

"It's going to be a tough game, especially with the rivalry between the two schools," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "Both teams always give their best effort against each other, regardless of which players are on the floor."

The 'Hounds are preparing for the game by concentrating on improving their own level of play, Kuwitzky said.

"At this point, we are still focusing on continuing to improve our skills and learning to play as a team instead of focusing on what other teams are going to do," Kuwitzky said.

The 'Hounds' home-opener against the Savages is scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday.

The victory Tuesday over the Raiders showcased the 'Hounds' ability to come back from a halftime deficit to secure their first win.

The game stood tied at 12-12 at the end of the first quarter, and Maryville

trailed 27-26 at the end of the half.

However, Maryville made some adjustments during the break and dominated the third quarter, outscoring the raiders 24-6.

Mount Ayr was unable to come back from this deficit in the final quarter, and the 'Hounds won their first game of the season, 64-46.

Kuwitzky contributed the win to some adjustments made at halftime.

"In the first half, we were rushing things on fast breaks and we were allowing them to score too easily," Kuwitzky said. "We just slowed things down in the second half, moved the ball around more and played better defense."

Senior Ross Hullinger led the team with 14 points, followed by freshman Josh Wilmes with 12 and junior Adam Howell with 10.

The entire varsity squad saw playing time in at least one quarter, and all but two players scored points.

The 'Hounds were happy to have the first game, and win, of the season under their belts, Kuwitzky said.

"It really gives the players a positive attitude that all the practice has paid off," he said.

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Northwest women's basketball



PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Freshman guard Ashley Poptanycz fights for the ball with Cornell College guard Danielle Tancredi in an exhibition game earlier this season. After splitting two games during Thanksgiving break, the Bearcats fell to the Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks 83-64 Tuesday night and dropped their record to 3-2.

Mavericks win as 'Cats turn ball over 21 times

By BILL KNUST
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest women's basketball team was foiled by hot shooting and out-rebounded Tuesday night as it dropped to 3-2 with a 83-64 loss to the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

The 'Cats were out-rebounded 42-27 overall, and the Mavericks out-rebounded them on the offensive side 16-11. That advantage translated into a 15-6 advantage in second chance points.

Head coach Gene Steinmeyer was not happy following the team's loss.

"We just weren't ready to play, period," Steinmeyer said. "It has been a trend for this team to get down early, then wake-up. Well, that isn't always going to happen."

The Mavericks forced 21 Bearcat turnovers using that to their full advantage. UNO was 11-of-19 behind the arc, shooting at a 58 percent clip. They finished 50 percent from the field.

The 'Cats came out sluggish in the first half as UNO raced to a 16-5 lead. Freshman Stacy McAlexander brought the 'Cats within one point at 19-18, but the Mavericks pulled away with another 7-0 spurt, taking a 37-30 lead into halftime.

The Mavs rode senior Jen Mitchell all night. She had a game-high 24 points and made 6-of-10 three-point attempts. The 'Cats got 24 points from sophomore Brooke Hogue who made 4-of-9 attempts from the three-point line.

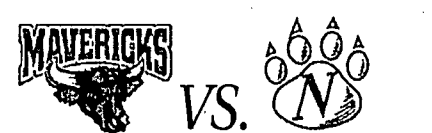
Northwest closed the Mavericks lead to seven points with 6:29 to go in the second half, but the Mavs responded with a 21-9 run to close the game.

With Benedictine College coming to town on Saturday, Steinmeyer said there will not be any hangover from Tuesday's game.

"If you are a good Christian you probably don't want to come to practice on Thursday," Steinmeyer said.

The Bearcats came into Tuesday's game having split a pair of games in the Roadrunner Thanksgiving Classic in Denver.

They were defeated in the opener by Northwestern State University. The 'Cats were behind by as many as 11



Nebraska-Omaha 83
Northwest 64
■ Bearcats drop to 3-2 on the season.

“If you are a good Christian, you probably don't want to come to practice on Thursday.”

GENE STEINMEYER
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH AFTER TUESDAY'S LOSS

points early on, and trailed by as many as 19 points in the second half before they made their run.

Senior Kristin Anderson sparked a 14-2 run and freshman Ashley Poptanycz's three-pointer brought the 'Cats within two, but they were unable to overcome Northwestern State and fell 67-63.

Senior Jerrica Miller led the way for the 'Cats with 11 points and six boards, and sophomore Tanesha Fields added 10 points.

Northwest rebounded the next day as they defeated Briar Cliff College (Iowa) 69-59.

Again the 'Cats fell behind early, and trailed by five points, 33-28, at the half. The second half they turned up the intensity and outscored Briar Cliff 41-26.

Senior Dena McMullen had 10 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists, falling three assists short of a triple-double. Fields and Hogue each had 16 points in the victory.

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Vocal leader

Second year guard Kelvin Parker steps into key role with energy, competitive spirit

By BILL KNUST
SPORTS EDITOR

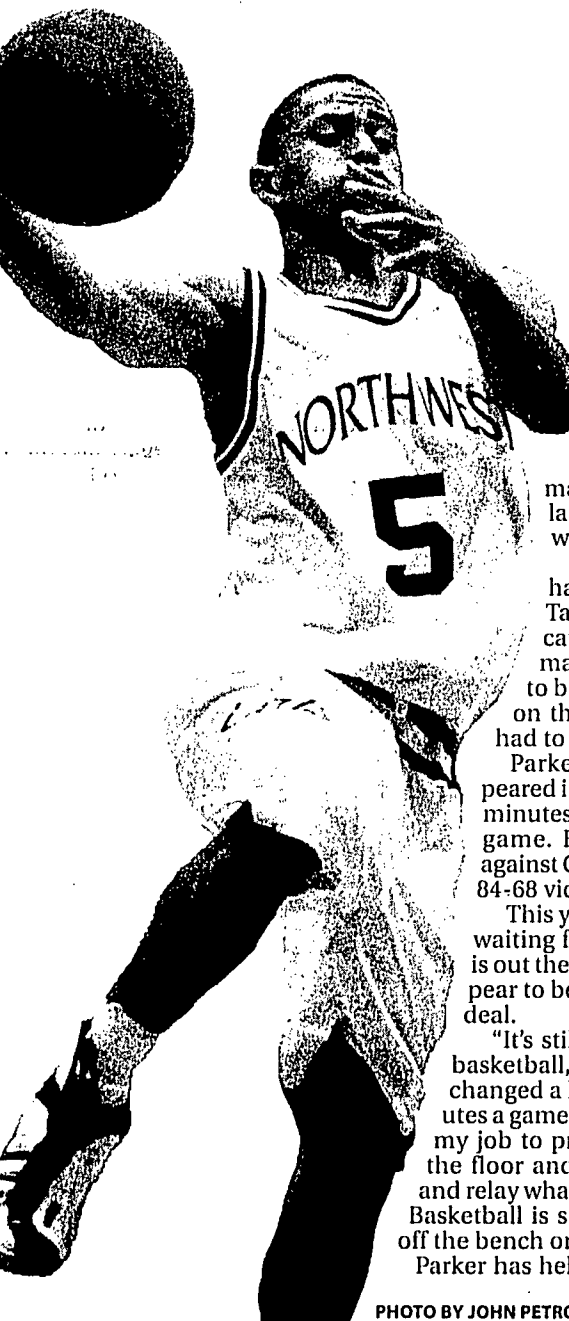


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Head coach Steve Tappmeyer had reservations on a decision he was about to make last year.

He was going to thrust true freshman guard Kelvin Parker into the regular rotation. Something he really did not want to do.

"He got thrown into a deal where he had to play on a good team last year," Tappmeyer said. "We like to not get caught where you have to have a freshman come up, if they do you don't like to be in a position where you have to rely on that. We got into a position where we had to rely on him."

Parker was up to the challenge. He appeared in every game last season averaging 17 minutes a game, six points and two assists per game. He scored a career-high 17 points against Central Missouri State University in an 84-68 victory.

This year he has a modified role. Instead of waiting five minutes to get into the game, he is out there for the tip-off. Although, it may appear to be a big change, Parker says it is no big deal.

"It's still basketball you know, basketball is basketball," he says nonchalantly. "My job has changed a little bit. I went from playing 17 minutes a game to playing more minutes, but it is still my job to pretty much be a leader out there on the floor and communicate to the other players and relay what messages Coach Tapp has given me. Basketball is still basketball whether I am coming off the bench or starting."

Parker has helped the 'Cats to a 4-0 start this sea-

son and is averaging 6.1 points a game.

With the undefeated start, Parker thinks there is a little more responsibility on him to perform this year.

"I do have more responsibility as far as getting the game started," Parker said. "I think it's a little bit easier when you are sitting on the bench for the first five minutes and you can see the tendencies of the other team."

"When you start, you have your scouting reports and everything, but you still don't know what to expect. I think it was easier watching on the bench, then coming in and bringing a lot of energy from the bench to the team."

Energy is something Parker is still bringing to the team, but this year the energy comes right away.

With a lot of quiet players on the team, Tappmeyer looks to Parker to be more of a talker on the floor.

"A lot of our guys are more laid back and reserved, I think Coach looks to me to take a more leadership role on the floor as far as being talkative and getting things where they need to be," Parker said.

Even though he is a sophomore, Parker is not afraid to grab the reigns and be a leader on the floor.

"A point guard's job is to lead," Parker said. "If you look around different schools and the NBA, the point guard is more of a vocal leader because that's what you have to be. You basically have to be a translator from a coach on the floor. Just being a sophomore, it is still my job to make sure everybody is where they need to be. The age has nothing to do with it."

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Tracksters start indoor season with nucleus

Men return two All-Americans, women return MIAA champ

By ASHLEE ERWIN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

While other students are preparing for finals, members of the Northwest men's and women's track squads are gearing up for the indoor track season.

The 'Cats will kick off the season Dec. 7 at the Iowa State Holiday Open in Ames, Iowa, a meet head men's coach Rich Alsop said he will use as a measurement of progress.

"We just want to see in competition where some of our better people are right now," Alsop said.

The men are hoping to build on last season's success, which included a second place MIAA Conference finish and a sixth-place national finish.

Five of the seven members who qualified for nationals last season return to the squad, including junior All-Americans pole vaulter Ryan Miller and 800-meter runner Kyle Keraus.

Returning sophomores Pat Jordan and Conrad Woolsey and junior Mark Stewart also qualified for last season's nationals in Boston, Mass.

"It's a good nucleus," Alsop said of the returning experience. "We've got some good young kids returning. A few of the kids from

cross country actually did a really good job and improved over last year, so I think they'll help us in track and field."

Those runners include Keraus and junior John Heil, both returning from injuries that hampered the cross country season, and sophomore Jamison Phillips.

Alsop said staying injury-free will be a key to this season.

"If you have absolutely no injuries and everything goes perfect, it'll be a very good group," Alsop said. "But we know you can't always depend on that."

The women are looking to improve on last season's fourth-place conference finish with several key returners.

Senior April House will try to defend her conference titles in the 55-meter and 200-meter dashes, along with help in the sprints and jumps from junior Jill Fisher. Junior Jenny Simmons will return in the pole vault for the Bearcat women.

"We'll be strong in the vault, we'll be pretty good in the throws and we'll do fairly decent in the jumps and sprints," head coach Vicki Wootton said. "Where we're going to struggle scoring points is going to be the middle distance and distance."

A key distance runner will be freshman Ashley Grosse, but with senior Kim Scarborough possibly sidelined from a lingering cross country injury, inexperience and health problems pose a challenge,

2001-02 INDOOR SCHEDULE

Meet	Date
Iowa St. Holiday Open	Dec. 7
Neb. Wesleyan Invitational	Jan. 26
Mo. Southern Invitational	Feb. 1-2
Doane (Neb.) Tiger Classic	Feb. 9
Prairie Wolf Invitational	Feb. 15
MIAA Championship	Feb. 22-23
D-II Championships	March 7-9

Wootton said.

Newcomers to the team include freshman Renae Miller in the hurdles and freshman Erin Reed in the sprints. Both could make significant contributions.

"We have a lot of new faces," Wootton said. "A goal is to improve every week — maybe not necessarily go out and run our best meet of the year on Dec. 7 when we go to Iowa State, but to build on that and improve every week so that we can be competitive in conference."

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Maryville junior Spoofhound Cauleen Bradley attempts a shot over two Mount Ayr Raiderette defenders in the 'Hounds' 81-41 win Tuesday night. Bradley scored 14 points on the night. The 'Hounds' will face off against the Lafayette Fighting Irish Thursday at 7 p.m. at Maryville High School.

'Hounds defeat Raiderettes 81-41

By ASHLEE ERWIN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville girls' basketball team looks to improve its record to 2-0 Thursday night after an 81-41 stomping of Mount Ayr, Iowa, in Tuesday's home opener.

The 'Hounds' face St. Joseph Lafayette in a non-conference matchup Thursday in Maryville. After Tuesday's win, head coach Randall Cook said his team will be prepared to take on the Irish.

"They know that everybody is talking Lafayette up right now," Cook said. "Thursday night we need to be ready right away, and they could start by doing that tonight. I think they did."

The focus for Thursday's game will be handling Lafayette's press.

"I would imagine they're going to try to press us for the full 32 minutes," Cook said. "Whether we get a couple of lay-ups or not, I think they're going to continue it. We've just got to work the ball and take care of business with the press offense."

Taking care of business is exactly what the 'Hounds' did Tuesday against the Raiderettes, jumping out in the first quarter to a 31-14 lead. Sophomore Hallie Blackney, in her first varsity start, led the effort with eight points.

"I just wanted to step up and help the team in every way possible," Blackney said.

Junior Cauleen Bradley nailed three straight buckets to end the first quarter, then added two

more to start the second quarter.

It was all Maryville from then on as Blackney drained two three-pointers and senior Katy Otte contributed another.

Maryville hit six of seven three-pointers in the first half, including two by senior Sundi Sutton. Cook expected good shooting from Blackney and Sutton but did not expect their three-point barrage.

"That was a little shocking," Cook said. "If we can continue that, teams are going to have a lot of trouble with our all-around post and outside game."

Blackney and senior Erin Lohafer combined for 46 of Maryville's 81 points.

Lohafer led the team with 25 points followed by Blackney with 21 points. Junior Cauleen Bradley contributed 14 points and Sutton finished with nine points.

While the 'Hounds' made a strong offensive showing, Lohafer said the team still needs some defensive work.

"That was kind of a big problem even though we won," Lohafer said. "We gave up a lot of fouls, and we gave up a lot of points they shouldn't have had. We're going to have to work on defense."

Following Thursday's game, Maryville will be on the road Friday to face St. Pius X. Game time is 8 p.m.

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Maryville wrestling

Young grapplers start season against St. Pius

By THOMAS WRIGHT
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville wrestling team is looking forward to a successful season on the mat this year.

"We finished the season 5-5, which was a little below our expectations," head coach Joe Drake said. "We are definitely looking to improve on that this season."

Maryville lost quite a few seniors last year. They had two state qualifiers last year, but one graduated and the other, junior Derek Merrill, is recovering from surgery.

"We are younger then we were last year and have many inexperienced wrestlers," Drake said. "For now older kids are going to have to pull their share of the weight, but when the younger kids start to come on we could be incredible."

Maryville did a wide variety of things to get prepared for this year.

"Most of our athletes are multi-sport people," Drake said. "Most of our wrestlers play either football, soccer or cross country. We really stress the idea that they need to be involved in activities in the off-season as well such as our weight program and wrestling camps."



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Sophomore Joe Drake practices his wrestling strategies on fellow teammate Jon Henry during practice Tuesday. With a 5-5 record last season the team is looking to improve with their season opener at 7:30 p.m. Thursday against St. Pius X.

Maryville is hard at work looking to start their season Thursday.

"Right now we are working on fundamentals and getting everybody in shape so we can grow on that," Drake said. "If we stick with the basics watch out."

The season opener is at Maryville High School on Thursday at 7:30 against St. Pius X.

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Wrestler hoping for return to state

By THOMAS WRIGHT
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville wrestling team is counting on junior Derek Merrill to lead the way after a successful season last year where he qualified for state.

"Merrill is a team leader and gives 110 percent every time he steps on the mat," head coach Joe Drake said.

Merrill has a major role in leading a young Spoofhound team loaded with freshmen.

"There are a lot more freshmen on the team this year, but I think our numbers are good," Merrill said. "We should be well respected by other teams that wrestle us, because we have a few returners that did well in sectionals. I'm going to lead the team this year by example. Just

by getting out there and doing my job, it encourages everybody else to do their's as well."

Merrill had surgery in the off-season, making it a challenge for him to return to state.

"That put a dent in my transition from last year to this year, making it tough on me to get in shape," Merrill said. "I'm still not ready to go out there and fully compete yet, but I'm starting to lift some weights now and doing a little bit of running."

Wrestling runs in Merrill's blood, which is where he attributes a lot of his success.

"My brother previously went to state," Merrill said. "He worked with me all the time. He showed me some moves I had not learned yet and also helped me with my stance."

Merrill's wrestling strategy helped take him all the way to state last year.

"I stick to staying on my feet and try to take them down," Merrill said. "If I can't pin them right away I will let them up and take them down again just scoring as many points as I can. Traditionally, most Maryville wrestlers stand on their feet."

This year looks to be a year of improvements for Maryville wrestling.

"We have a good chance at improving on last years' .500 season and taking districts as well," Merrill said. "We should have a lot of people going to sectionals and hopefully a few go to state."

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ARMCHAIR QUARTERBACKS

With the upsets to Nebraska and Oklahoma, who do you think will meet in the Rose Bowl? Why?



"I think No. 1-ranked Miami, and since Nebraska lost, Florida will be there also."

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"I think Colorado and Miami will meet in the Rose Bowl for the championship."

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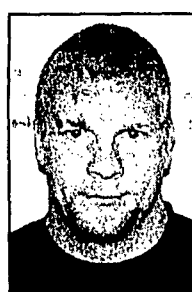
"Since the big upsets this past weekend, I am picking Miami and Florida."

Travis Jackson
international business



"I think Miami and Nebraska, even with their recent loss to Colorado."

Heath Finch
agricultural business



"I think Miami and Texas will meet up in the Rose Bowl because of recent upsets."

Brian Driess
undecided

Big XII football

Pesavento perseveres, leads Buffs to Big XII title game

By KEVIN KUSHNER
DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS-AUSTIN)

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — Bobby Pesavento's college career is a lesson in perseverance.

So it is fitting that the senior quarterback will lead the underdog Colorado Buffaloes into the Big 12 title game on Saturday.

While few prognosticators foresaw a Colorado-Texas matchup in the Big 12 Championship game, an even slimmer number would have pre-

dicted Pesavento would be capable of leading the Buffaloes there.

Upon enrolling at Colorado, Pesavento was one of several signal-callers competing for the starting job. A quarterback carousel ensued, with Pesavento earning two starts, both of which ended in Buffalo losses. The job was eventually handed to highly-touted freshman Craig Ochs — a speedy Boulder native who became the darling of the Colorado faithful and began the 2001 season in the

same role.

When his time to play finally arrived, it didn't appear as though Pesavento or any of the Buffaloes were prepared. With Ochs experiencing post-concussion symptoms, Pesavento was named the starter against Texas. Colorado was soundly defeated, 41-7.

The next week against Oklahoma State, Ochs was back as the starter, but not for long. With Colorado trailing 16-7 in the second quarter, Ochs

suffered a foot injury and Pesavento once again replaced him. Pesavento took full advantage completing 15-of-20 passes for 180 yards to lead the Buffaloes to a 22-19 win.

Since the second half of the Oklahoma State game Pesavento has completed 68 percent of his passes for an average of 217 yards per game.

Any explanation as to how all this worked out?

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Matt Rowan

A senior center, Matt Rowan has led the Bearcats in rebounding three of the first four games this season. He scored 18 points in a win over Huron University and has grabbed a team-high 26 rebounds this season.



Jerrica Miller

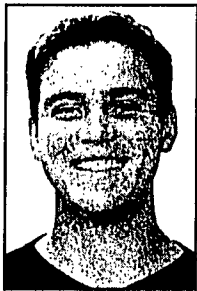
Senior guard Jerrica Miller returned from an ankle injury in grand fashion last weekend. She scored 11 points and had six rebounds in a loss to Northwestern State. In the victory over Briar Cliff she scored 13 points.



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RANTING AND RAVING

There's no crying in football



BILL KNUST
SPORTS EDITOR

The phrase "that's why they play the game" took on a bigger meaning in college football this weekend.

Colorado and Oklahoma State humbled Nebraska and Oklahoma, everybody's lock to meet once more in the Big XII championship, this weekend.

What once was a semi-clear picture in the Bowl Championship Series has once again become a mess.

Oklahoma State, a team that had yet to win a Big XII game this season, defeated Oklahoma, and Nebraska was dominated from the whistle by Colorado.

Being from Nebraska, I am as big of a fan as the next person, but I think I have something a few other Nebraska fans do not — common sense and knowledge of the game of football.

In Nebraska there is only one thing to cheer about, the Huskers. If the Huskers lose, the state goes into shock, heck the state practically shuts down for the week as the farmers, businessmen, law-

yers and doctors turn into arm-chair quarterbacks.

The problem is that few of these people actually know what they are talking about.

They could care less that Colorado should have beaten Nebraska the previous two years. They did not see the fact that any team, not even defending national champion Oklahoma, ran straight at the Huskers this season like Colorado did. They see everything through their scarlet and cream glasses.

So when the Buffaloes stomped all over the Huskers, running up the middle for obscene amounts of yardage, we got to see tears from Husker fans of all ages.

Middle-aged ladies to little kids were bawling on the television because their precious Huskers took it in the mouth. These fans probably couldn't name any player on the team besides Eric Crouch, Keyou Craver, Tracey Wistrom or Thunder Collins. Yet, they are crying because the Huskers are getting pounded. That's deep.

It is more like pathetic. It is a football game people. No one died or was paralyzed; there is no need to cry about it. The sun came out the next day and all was well in the state of Nebraska.

These fans think head coach Frank Solich should be fired, or we should have blitzed or we should

have passed. All they can do is complain after a loss and act like arrogant fans when they win.

They expect every season for us to go undefeated, and if the Huskers lose, they have 10,000 reasons why and how they could have won if they were calling the plays.

It gets old being associated with it. There are good fans out there. They just get overshadowed by the bad fans and that is a shame.

Here is a true story to sum everything up.

This weekend I am watching the game with friends, at a friend's house. He plays for the Huskers, but is hurt and didn't travel with the team to Boulder.

Over the course of the game he and his dad begin arguing how far Nebraska will drop in the BCS poll. His dad is the prototypical know-nothing Husker fan. He has no clue about the BCS and no clue about football, which is pretty amazing for someone with a kid on the team. In the end, this argument has gotten so bad my friends and I are asked to leave the house and his son is sent back to Lincoln for the rest of his break because his dad kicked him out of the house.

Only in Nebraska.

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Northwest football

Assistant receives coach of the year honor

BILL KNUST
SPORTS EDITOR

Northwest Missouri State University offensive line coach Bart Tatum was named the 2001 Assistant Coach of the Year by AFCA for Division II football Tuesday.

Each year, staff representatives from the NCAA and NAIA football-playing schools are asked to nominate an assistant for consideration.

Those nominations are narrowed down to finalists in each division and a winner is selected by the AFCA Public Relations Committee.

The Assistant Coach of the Year award was first given in 1997 and was created to honor assistant coaches who excel in community service, commitment to the student-athlete, on-field coaching success and AFCA professional organization involvement.

The 2001 winners come from the largest crop of nominees since its inception.

Tatum filled all the criteria. He has participated in various fundraisers for the local Lions Club and for MS research. He also speaks at

grade school and high school functions and is active in his church.

From 1997-2000 seven Northwest offensive linemen have received All-America honors.

For winning the award, Tatum will receive a plaque to commemorate the award and an educational stipend to the 2003 AFCA Convention or any other development clinic/convention of his choice.

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FAN PLAN

Home games

	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Northwest men's bball		Seattle University 8 p.m.	Western Oregon 10 p.m.				
Northwest women's bball			Benedictine College 7 p.m.				Rockhurst University 7 p.m.
Northwest indoor track & field							
Maryville boys' bball		Savannah 8 p.m.				South Harrison 6:30 p.m.	
Maryville girls' bball	Lafayette 7 p.m.	St. Pius 8 p.m.				South Harrison 5 p.m.	
Maryville wrestling						St. Pius 6:30 p.m.	

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Campaign kickoff moved

The stadium kickoff campaign originally scheduled for Dec. 2 has been moved to Dec. 9.

The event begins at 3 p.m. in Bearcat Arena. Cheerleaders will be handing out free refreshments and the pep band will be creating a pep rally atmosphere.

Glab, Lessman selected to Jan. 11 Cactus Bowl

Northwest Missouri State University senior football players Joe Glab and Curt Lessman have been selected to play in the Cactus Bowl, the NCAA Division II All-Star Game.

The game is played Jan. 11, 2002 in Kingsville, Texas at the Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

This season marks the sixth straight year that Northwest has had a representative in the Cactus Bowl, which was formerly known as the Snow Bowl.

Parks and Rec. basketball signups begin Monday

The Parks and Recreation Department will be offering an adult basketball program this winter.

There will be one women's league and three men's leagues. Registration will be Dec. 3 through Dec. 14. Team fees are \$85. Player fees are \$15.

Stephenson signs with Northwest softball team

Northwest head softball coach Pam Knox has announced the signing of Lindsey Stephenson to a national letter-of-intent.

Stephenson was a second-team all-state selection and a first-team all-conference choice last year at Millard North High School.

14 football players named to academic honor roll

Fourteen Northwest football players were named to the MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll.

They were seniors Maurice Douglas, Joe Glab, Geoff Goudge, Phil Seaman and B.J. Sobczyk; juniors Ryan Miller, John Otte and Mark Stewart; sophomores John Edmonds, Jared Findley, Nick Glasnapp, Bart Hardy, Adam Otte and Grant Sutton.

Seven volleyball players named to MIAA honor roll

Seven Northwest volleyball players were named to the MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll.

They were seniors Julie Brophy and Molly Driftmier; juniors Megan Danek and April Rolf; sophomores Candace Johnson,

Lindsey Remmers and Kerri Steffens.

Northwest player named to All-MIAA soccer team

Northwest soccer's sophomore mid-fielder Jill Anderson was named to the All-MIAA Women's Soccer Team.

Anderson was the only Bearcat selected to a team, while senior Nikki Damme, junior Angela Hammon and sophomore Sarah Wallace received honorable mentions.

Glab named all-district

Northwest senior football player Joe Glab was named to the Verizon College Division Academic All-District VII Team as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Seven soccer players named to MIAA honor roll

Seven Northwest soccer players were named to the MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll.

The players selected were seniors Nikki Damme, Laura Hampton, Jenni Haynes and Kathie Leach; junior Jennifer Gnefkow; sophomores Joni Pusateri and Keri Schweigel.

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Break causes weight gain

So I'm checking my e-mail after the nice long break and what pops up larger than life? That stupid "Lose 10 pounds" Web ad with the skinny, happy person just bragging in front of me. Great, that's all I need.

I mean, I'm just a normal person right? I had four Thanksgiving dinners, just like the average American. Wednesday night, Thursday, Saturday afternoon and Sunday. (If you'll notice, I did take a break Friday.)

So what if I had turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls, deviled eggs, sweet potatoes and corn, times four. And of course, pumpkin pie, pecan pie, peach pie and cherry cheesecake afterward.

I was smart about it though. I packed baggy clothes, which oddly enough are a little snug now. I also ate from all the food groups, something I will never be able to say at school. I even substituted pop for a glass of water a few of those meals. I never went back for seconds either. (Because naturally I had a big plate and piled it high the first time around.)

I even got a little exercise this vacation too. I went shopping Friday, the



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busiest shopping day of the year. Talk about a marathon. My right arm is definitely more buff from shoveling all that food in my pie hole. I helped put up the Christmas tree at home. I lugged all my dirty laundry into the house. I played some football until I got injured. A football hurled into your gut right after dinner isn't a pleasant experience.

In addition to that hard work, I exercised my brain cells too. I did all of my homework, read my textbooks and studied for all my finals. I'm laughing as I write that. OK here's what I really did. I practiced math by playing 10-point pitch with the family, improved

my multicultural side by playing some Uno and apparently I'm extremely lucky at SkipBo because I won four games in a row.

But now the fun is over. We have three weeks of school left and I probably have 10 extra pounds on my frame. So in addition to the stress of finals, I'm going to be worried about squeezing into all my clothes. You can only wear swishy pants for so long before people start catching on.

I guess I could ask around and find out where that Rec Center is on campus. I wonder if Hamburger Helper comes in reduced fat? I'll have to switch to Bud Light too. That might just do the trick.

Except, I wonder what the point is of shedding those 10 pounds when Christmas is right around the corner. That's even greater, free food, not to mention all that holiday candy. So I think I'll maybe just ask for a new wardrobe in a size bigger this year. That will sure be easier than diet and exercise nonsense.

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Brave New Bearcat

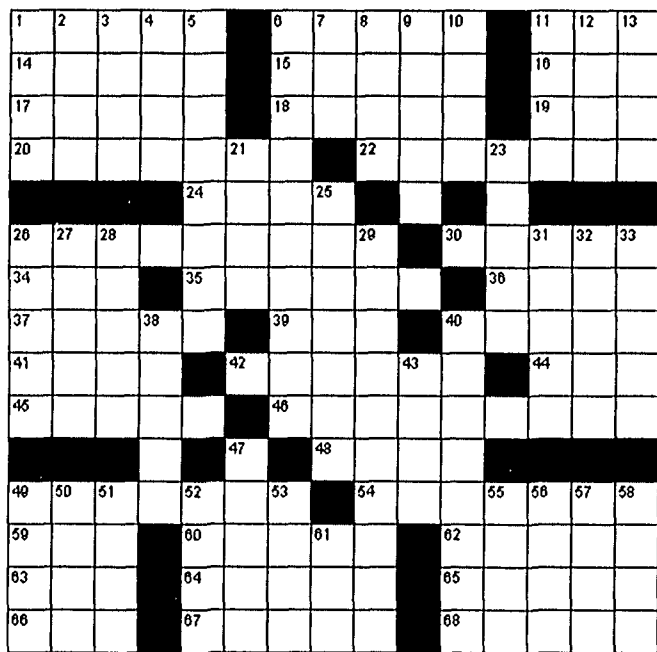


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ACROSS

- Unfolds
- Broadcast
- Scream
- Insects between larvae and imagoes
- White Italian wine
- Gametes
- Female name
- Melodies
- Prohibit
- Lieutenant Commander
- Hint
- See
- SW Indiana city
- Simple fruit

DOWN

- Stir
- Hoarded
- German wife
- Turkish coins
- Deranged
- Looking at
- Formal choice
- Go back
- Former coin of France
- Distinctive spirit
- Chinese paper (4,5)
- Female name
- Astronomical distances
- Of or relating to pain in the muscles

ACROSS

- Hedera
- Clamp
- An inhabitant of Scandinavia
- Level score
- Started
- Fighting Bob, admiral
- Stubborn person
- Glided
- Sums owing

DOWN

- Translucent mineral
- Football kick
- Heroic
- Western pact
- Having no

- seams
- Expert in astronomy
- Acknowledgment of debt
- Wife of a rajah
- Levels
- Frame for supporting a book
- Central Asian desert
- Russian John
- Strong taste
- Forbidding regulation
- With abundant foliage
- Insoluble protein
- Flow controlling device
- Imbecile
- Union states
- Enticement
- Crunchy
- Pointed boat
- Predict
- Agas
- On an aeroplane
- Count
- Guard
- Middle Eastern bread
- Female name
- Whiskeys
- Receded
- Wise
- Zero
- Snatch
- Is not
- Sales tax
- Drinking vessel

Answers can be found on this page

New FOX program misses mark with poor writing, plot

By JANEA PHILIP
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

On the 20th Century Fox Network's new sitcom, The Bernie Mac Show, real-life comedian Bernie Mac shows his "unique" parenting skills.

The comedian brings his natural comedic skills to the show, but the future of this show involves further scrutiny.

The fact that Bernie constantly has conversation with the camera, rather than showing acting skills, is one of the many problems with the show.

It is evident that television shows that are the carbon copy of other shows usually fail and this show can easily turn into a sitcom similar to The Hughleys.

For the plot of the show, Bernie and his wife Wanda (Kellita Smith) are both hardworking individuals without children. But suddenly Bernie is forced to take care of his

sisters' three kids, which he is not too happy about. When the three kids enter Bernie's home, he immediately dishes out the rules and regulations.

It is obvious that Bernie has never dealt with children and throughout the show he will face many problems such as his 8-year-old nephew urinating on himself in the grocery store, his 13-year-old niece purchasing feminine products and his 5-year-old niece breaking one of his oldest and favorite records.

The future for this show depends on whether Bernie Mac can bring original material. His ratings will definitely plummet if he continuously broadcasts childish and immature content.

This television show is a definite "go-see," only to find out that you should never watch it again.

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on the edge

Holiday shopping ideas:

■ More money is printed daily for the game Monopoly than money printed by the U.S. Treasury.

■ In order for a deck of cards to be mixed up enough to play with properly, it should be shuffled seven times.

■ Barbie's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts.

■ If Barbie was life size, her measurements would be 39-23-33.

■ A Chinese checkerboard has 121 holes.

■ There are 2,598,960 five-card hands possible in a 52-card deck.

■ A bowling pin only needs to tilt 7.5 degrees to fall down.

■ The hacky sack was invented in Turkey.

■ Donald Duck comics were nearly banned years ago in Finland because he didn't wear pants.

■ The first merchandise item to feature Mickey Mouse was a child's school tablet in 1929.

■ Donald F. Duncan, the man who made the yo-yo an American tradition, is also credited with popularizing the parking meter and introducing Good Humor "ice cream on a stick."

■ Double Bubble bubble gum was invented by an accountant named Walter Diemer in 1928.

■ Mark Twain once invented a board game similar to Trivial Pursuit. He called it Mark Twain's Memory-Builder.

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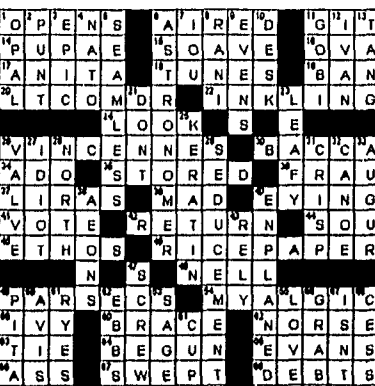
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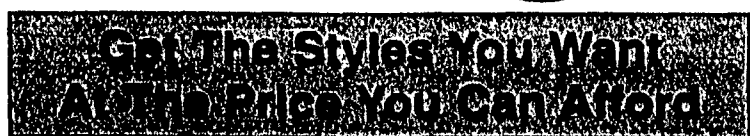
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